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## RUSSIA APPEARS WILLING TO ARRANGE PEACE TERMS

Efforts of President Roosevelt May Result in Bringing Belligerents Together for Discussion of Terms of Peace—If Japan Proves Moderate in Demands End of War May be Close at Hand.

### PAPERS OPPOSE BIG INDEMNITY

But Calmly Discuss Advisability of Ending the War.

PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN GENERALLY BELIEVED TO BE UNDER WAY—ACTIVITY IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES AT WASHINGTON—SITUATION STILL EXTREMELY DELICATE.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—President Roosevelt, striving with excellent prospects of success to end the war, is now the central figure on the world's stage. One of the principal features, it is believed, will be overcome when both Japan and Russia agree to accept his good offices for the arrangement of preliminaries after which the belligerents are expected to be able to arrange terms of peace direct.

### DISCUSS ADVISABILITY OF ENDING THE WAR.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—There is a significant change in tone on the part of some of the Russian newspapers like the Novoye Vremya, which never heretofore have admitted the possibility of the conclusion of hostilities until Russia had recovered her military prestige by a victory. Today the papers discuss calmly the advisability of ending the war if Japan's terms are reasonable. The payment of a big indemnity, they declare, would be too humiliating. The Novoye Vremya says bluntly that if Japan asks too much it will pay Russia to prolong the contest indefinitely, while the Russ argues that if representatives of the Russian people are called together Japan will see herself confronted by the whole nation and she will readily agree to reasonable terms.

### DIPLOMATS ACTIVE; PEACE NEAR AT HAND.

Washington, June 8.—Preliminary peace negotiations between Russia and Japan are generally believed to be under way, and it is conceded that President Roosevelt will, in all probability, act not as a mediator, but as the friendly channel of communication.

There is as yet no official admission that Russia has accepted what Count Cassini in his cablegram to Count Lamsdorff last week described as the "offer of good will of the president," although instructions to the ambassador are believed to have reached here tonight in a long cablegram which was received at the Russian embassy quite late and was laid before the ambassador just before he retired.

All that can be authoritatively said regarding this cablegram is that it concerned Count Cassini's cablegram of last week. No appointment has as yet been made for the ambassador to see the president, but by one close to Count Cassini it was said tonight that it is expected that some appointment might be made within the next day or two.

Immediately upon his return to his destination tonight, after a long conference with the president, Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, began the preparation of a dispatch to his government upon which he was quite late. For the first time since the announcement of the Japanese fleet the minister did not seem at liberty to comment upon any phase of the situation.

"The situation is too delicate at this moment to say anything," he remarked.

"When there is anything definite perhaps I may have something to say, but I do not expect anything definite for several days."

It can be stated that the president, through Mr. Takahira is endeavoring to get some definite idea concerning Japan's peace terms. Mr. Takahira is giving him all the assistance that he can but the most he can do is to inform his government of the president's wishes and to emphasize his personal conviction that the president can be trusted absolutely to guard Japan's legitimate interests. Indeed, an

## Will Lead British Army of Unemployed to London



CARICATURE SKETCH OF J. KIER HARDIE, Mr. Hardie is a Socialist and Independent member of Parliament. He has organized the great national demonstration in favor of the Unemployed Bill, and will lead the British "Coxey Army" of unemployed men to London sometime during this month.

## GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. THREATENED BY FLOOD

ONE HUNDRED MANUFACTURING CONCERNS CLOSED AND 6000 MEN OUT OF WORK—IF DYKE NORTH OF CITY HOLDS WEALTHIER SECTION WILL BE SAVED.

By Associated Press.  
Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.—About one hundred manufacturing concerns were closed today because of floods and six thousand men are out of work. So far the damage to buildings has not been great. The river reached a stage of seventeen feet four inches at ten o'clock this morning, two feet higher than at the same time yesterday.

Everything depends on the protecting dyke at the north end of the city. If that holds a large part of the city and the wealthier part will be saved. The railroad situation is improving.

River Still Rising.  
Grand Rapids, Mich., June 8.—The Grand river is still rising here. The only encouraging news comes from

upriver points where the water is reported to be stationary or falling. The water here has now gone over Front street south of Bridge street. Many residences in the south end are completely surrounded by deep and swift currents. Workmen are struggling frantically to keep the north end dyke from going to pieces, and it seems to be about an even chance whether they will succeed. A special to the Evening Press says that communications have been partially reestablished with White Hall, which has been isolated for sixty hours. The conditions on White River above the town are worse than had been expected. The damage to crops, bridges and dams will reach hundreds of thousands. Three large dams at White Cloud, Hesperia and Perry were washed completely away.

## RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE INTERNED

By Associated Press.  
Washington, June 8.—Governor Wright has cabled Secretary Taft officially notifying him that the orders of the President regarding the internment of the Russian ships in Manila Bay has been carried out.

## FITZSIMMONS-SCHRECK FIGHT.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 8.—The date of the Fitzsimmons-Schreck fight has been changed from July 4 to July 3.

## ANOTHER AMERICAN HAS YELLOW FEVER.

By Associated Press.  
Washington, June 8.—Governor Magoon reports one new case of yellow fever in Panama that of Edward Hurley, an American, but not a canal employee.

## NORWEGIAN REPUBLIC FAVORED BY MASSES

If King Oscar and Danish Royal Family Both Refuse Throne for Their Families Norway May Declare Independence.

### KING REFUSES TO SEE DEPUTATION

Does Not Recognize Revolutionary Step Taken by Storting.

EMBLEMS OF UNION ELIMINATED FROM NORWEGIAN FLAG, WHICH WILL BE HOISTED THIS MORNING — BOSTON NORWEGIANS PREPARING A PETITION TO THE PRESIDENT.

By Associated Press.  
Copenhagen, June 8.—It is reported that the Norwegian government has privately approached the Danish royal family to ascertain if the offer of the throne would be received by a member of it, preferably Prince Charles, son of Crown Prince Frederick. The general opinion expressed here is such an offer would be refused.

According to reports from Stockholm King Oscar may be influenced to regard favorably an offer of the throne to a member of his house.

It is stated that if King Oscar definitely refuses the throne for a member of his house and the Danish royal family likewise refuse to place one of its princes upon it, Norway will become a republic and this is favored by the mass of the people.

### KING OSCAR REFUSES TO RECEIVE DEPUTATION.

Stockholm, June 8.—King Oscar has refused to receive the deputation appointed to present the Norwegian Storting's address. The King in refusing telegraphed: "As I do not recognize the revolutionary steps which the Storting, in violation of the constitution and the act of union, and in revolt against its king, has unfortunately taken, I decline to receive the deputation."

### EMBLEMS OF UNION TAKEN FROM FLAG.

Christina, June 8.—The council of state is proceeding with the reconstruction of the government according to the program which was more or less prepared before the final step was taken in yesterday's peaceful revolution. The council is resolved to eliminate the emblems of union from the war flags of Norway, and the flag will be hoisted throughout the country at ten o'clock tomorrow morning. The council of defense has ordered flags over all fortresses and warships to be saluted with twenty-one guns.

### WILL ASK ROOSEVELT TO RECOGNIZE NORWAY.

Boston, June 8.—Norwegian citizens resident here are preparing a petition to President Roosevelt asking that government recognize Norway as a free and independent nation.

## RAILROAD WILL USE WIRELESS

ALL TRAINS ON CHICAGO AND ALTON TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE SYSTEM.

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, June 8.—Chicago and Alton railroad officials announce that all trains will be equipped with the wireless telegraph. Operators will be carried on all trains, thus enabling the dispatcher to reach any train on the road at any time and trains to communicate with each other.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL NOT AFFILIATE.

By Associated Press.  
Los Angeles, June 8.—The Knights of Columbus today defeated the proposal to affiliate with the Federation of American Catholics chiefly on the grounds that such action would forfeit the individuality of the Knights.

### TO DECIDE FOR PEACE OR WAR

ALL RUSSIAN ZEIMSTVOS WILL ASK FOR CONVOCAION OF REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY.

By Associated Press.  
Moscow, June 8.—The Russian Zemstvo congress today elected a deputation of ten delegates, headed by Count Hayden and M. Shipoff, to present an address to the Emperor to ask for the immediate convocation of a representative assembly to decide the question of peace or war.

## SUBMARINE BOAT LOST

VESSEL WITH EIGHTEEN MEN ON BOARD WRECKED OFF PLYMOUTH BREAKWATER.

By Associated Press.  
Plymouth, June 8.—Submarine boat "A 8" was lost off the breakwater here this morning. Three explosions are said to have occurred on board before she foundered. She had on board eighteen officers and men, including her regular crew of men who were in training. Fourteen were drowned. The others were picked up. The disaster occurred while the "A 8" was proceeding to sea for practice, accompanied by another submarine torpedo boat. Three explosions were seen from the shore to occur on board the "A 8" which suddenly disappeared. Tugs and divers proceeded to the scene.

## Games Played Thursday on Big League Diamonds

American League. Washington 5, Detroit 6, (eleven innings); Philadelphia 6, Chicago 3; Boston 4, St. Louis 3; New York 0, Cleveland 4.

National League. St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 5; Cincinnati 11, Brooklyn 2; Pittsburgh 4, New York 11; Chicago 11, Boston 2.

Southern League. Atlanta 3, Shreveport 2; Nashville 2, Little Rock 4; Birmingham 2, Memphis 1; Montgomery 1, New Orleans 6.

South Atlantic. Augusta 6, Macon 9; Charleston 4, Columbia 3; Savannah 3, Jacksonville 2, (eleven innings).

## Application of Eight Hour Law on Isthmus

By Associated Press.  
Washington, June 8.—The opinion of Attorney General Moody regarding the application of the eight-hour law on the Isthmus of Panama was made public today. It holds that the act of August 1, 1902, applies to laborers and mechanics in the construction of the canal and says that it does not apply to the office force of the canal commission or to any of the employees of the government who are not within the ordinary meaning of the words "Laborers and mechanics." The opinion says that Congress may fix the hours of labor upon all works of the United States and make the law binding through the agency of contracts upon all contract work with the United States.

## Chicago Strike May be Continued Indefinitely

By Associated Press.  
Chicago, June 8.—The teamsters' strike has reached a point where its further progress or increase is dependent on action by the Team Owners' Association. On the question as to whether deliveries shall be made to boycotted houses, depends the future of the strike. If the team owners decide to make such deliveries and discharge all drivers refusing to obey orders the ranks of the strikers will be increased by eight thousand men.

More violence today resulted in one driver being severely beaten and several others injured.

## Pennsylvania Special Train Breaks Record

By Associated Press.  
Pittsburg, June 8.—The 458 miles between Chicago and Pittsburg over the Pennsylvania lines, was covered today in 440 minutes without much effort by a special train, the counterpart of the new Pennsylvania special, the new eighteen hour train between Chicago and New York, which was taken over the route. An average speed of sixty-three and one-half miles an hour was maintained, including stops aggregating twenty-eight minutes. The actual speed of the train in motion was sixty-eight and one-half miles per hour. The second hour covered 73 miles and the third 71. One hundred and twenty-six miles were covered at an average speed of 75 and three-tenths miles, mile after mile being passed in from 42 to 44 seconds.

## CHAS. H. BLISS IS NOW MAYOR OF PENSACOLA

Inducted Into Office at High Noon Yesterday in Presence of City Officials and a Large Gathering of His Fellow Citizens.



HON. CHAS. H. BLISS, Who Was Yesterday Duly Inducted Into Office as Mayor of Pensacola.

## SECRETARY SHAW GUEST OF BANKERS

By Associated Press.  
Atlantic Beach, Fla., June 8.—Secretary Shaw is the guest of the joint convention of the Georgia and Florida Bankers' Association which meets here tomorrow. Secretary Shaw addressed the Board of Trade of Jacksonville tonight and will speak to the bankers tomorrow. The two State associations meet separately in the morning and jointly in the afternoon.

## NEW OFFICIAL CONGRATULATED

By Ex-Mayor Welles Who Promises Support in Upbuilding of Pensacola.

ALL NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS DULY INSTALLED—B. S. BERNARD APPOINTED CITY CLERK AND APPOINTMENT UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED—COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE NEW MAYOR.

In the presence of the largest crowd that is was possible to get into the city council chamber Hon. Charles H. Bliss was inducted into the office of Mayor of the City of Pensacola at noon yesterday.

Promptly at 12 o'clock Mayor Welles called the council to order and every member answered to the roll excepting Alderman Baars. The mayor briefly stated the object of the meeting and the clerk then read the report of the Board of Canvassers showing the election of Charles H. Bliss, Mayor; J. F. Schad, City Marshal; W. G. Dailey, City Treasurer; J. C. Whiting, Tax Collector; Wm. Bicker, Chief of the Fire Department; and Aldermen Gingles, Hays, D'Alemberte, Yonge, McHugh and Wright. The report was ordered received, spread upon the minutes and filed.

### Mayor Welles to Council.

Mayor Welles then spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Council: 'I desire to say before we proceed to the induction of the newly elected officers that two years ago I was elected to the office of Mayor and duly installed. During that time there have been many questions of interest to come up before this body. All matters have been carefully deliberated over and the decisions arrived at by this council have been in my opinion, right and just and in the best interests of the City of Pensacola. While we may have differed on some points, we have worked for the good of the city and I thank each and every councilman for the assistance that has been given me, and while the improvements made were not what were anticipated at the time I was inducted into office on account of our inability to float the bonds, still we have made a good showing for the money expended, and I thank you for the assistance you have given me."

Alderman Cahn then arose and, on behalf of the City Council, thanked the Mayor for the courteous treatment he had accorded the body during his term in office, wishing him every success in life and expressing regret that his term of office was at an end.

Mr. Bliss then came forward and took the oath of office and was followed by the other officers elected on June 6. Mayor Welles then handed the gavel of office to the new mayor, whom he addressed as follows:

### Relinquishes Office.

"Your Honor: "In relinquishing this gavel of office I do so feeling that you are capable in every way of performing the duties that will now devolve upon you, and during your term of office it will be my pleasure to assist you in any way that it may be in my power to do. Let us bury past differences and political feelings and each strive for the upbuilding of the City of Pensacola, which we all love."

"During my term in office we have been handicapped by not being able to float the bonds. I sincerely hope that such a thing will not occur again and that during the next two years you may be able to make the necessary improvements in this city, and that your administration may be successful in every way. In handing you this gavel of office I most sincerely say that I wish you all possible success in your new duties."

### Mr. Bliss's Reply.

Mr. Bliss replied as follows: "Your Honor: "I thank you sincerely and from the bottom of my heart for the sentiments you have expressed and nothing gives me greater pleasure than to know that I shall have your cooperation in the work of upbuilding the city of Pensacola. I thank you again."

The roll of the new council was then called all responding excepting Alderman Baars.

Mayor Bliss then made a short address to the council, at the close of which he nominated B. S. Bernard for City Clerk. The nomination was

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## IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

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